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Re: DTS Assignment--Superior National Forest Withdrawal Segregation Termination

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Canceling_Superior_Withdrawal_Comm_Plan.docx

"Piccoli, Francis" <fpiccoli@ [REDACTED]>

From: "Piccoli, Francis" <fpiccoli@ [REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu Sep 20 2018 13:15:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Dominica VanKoten <dvankote [REDACTED]>
CC: "Carnahan, Davida" <dcarnahan@ [REDACTED]>, "Fink, Elena" <efink [REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: DTS Assignment--Superior National Forest Withdrawal Segregation Termination
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The final comm plan for this event is attached.

Best regards,

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From: **Wilhight, Brenda** <bwilhigh@ [REDACTED]>
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Subject: Fwd: DTS Assignment--Superior National Forest Withdrawal Segregation Termination
To: Dominica VanKoten <dvankote@ [REDACTED]>, Frankie Morgan <fmorgan@ [REDACTED]>
Cc: "Mitchell, Celeste" <cmitchel@ [REDACTED]>

Dominica/Frankie:

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Brenda

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Subject: DTS Assignment--Superior National Forest Withdrawal Segregation Termination
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Document Subject: Superior National Forest Withdrawal Segregation Termination
Synopsis: This package is the Federal Register Notice announcing the termination of the two year segregation of the Superior National Forest in Minnesota
Action Required: 5-Review/Comment
Assigned By Office: ES-910-STATE DIRECTOR User: Karen Mouritsen

Thank you.

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Brenda Wilhight

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Ok great.

I will let Brenda at WO know she has all the documents.

Dominica

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 20, 2018, at 4:51 PM, Francis Piccoli <fpiccoli@[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Dominica, no press release on this issue — The FRN is only proactive release — only issue a statement from comm plan if we are queried. Best regards, Francis

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 20, 2018, at 4:46 PM, VanKoten, Dominica <dvankote@[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you. Will we also get the press release? I am going to be out of the office until Tuesday, maybe Davida can upload it directly to the DTS entry once it is complete?

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COMMUNICATION PLAN

BLM Response to Forest Service Cancellation of the Rainy River Watershed Withdrawal

Background

The USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) submitted an application December 14, 2016, proposing a 20-year withdrawal from mineral leasing laws on 234,328 acres of Federal mineral estate within the Superior National Forest, located in the upper Midwest in a region known as the Iron Range. The BLM published a Federal Register notice January 19, 2017, which announced the proposed withdrawal and initiated a two-year segregation from mineral leasing laws; however, the Forest Service later (September 6, 2018) submitted a letter to the BLM canceling the application for the withdrawal, canceling the segregation.

Canceling the withdrawal of these lands that are within the Rainy River Watershed will allow the BLM to move forward with processing 48 mineral applications and environmental reviews in the Duluth Complex, a 16-mile long geologic series of one-billion-year-old rocks near the towns of Babbitt and Ely in northeastern Minnesota, and which includes large deposits of copper, nickel and strategic metals. These strategic metals are designated as essential elements needed for aerospace and defense industries, as well as the manufacture of batteries and electronics.

Goal

Respond to opportunities for understanding by relating why previous actions have been cancelled, with some discussion of our responsibility to manage resources according to Administration priorities.

Objective

Provide meaningful and timely information to media and key contacts by publishing a Federal Register notice in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.2-1(c).

Audiences

As the Forest Service has already distributed a news release to media and key contacts announcing the cancellation of an application made to the BLM to withdraw these lands, there is no need for the BLM to re-issue a like-press release on this topic, especially since there has been extensive media reporting on this issue after the Forest Service news release. The BLM Federal Register notice does not contain any additional or new information.

Communication Products

- FR notice announcing the cancellation of application made by the Forest Service. Publication of this FRN is required by BLM regulations, however, the segregation will expire regardless, January 2019.

- Response to query only with the following statement: *BLM's mission is to manage natural resources for multiple use and sustained yield, ensuring continued opportunities for commercial, recreational and conservation activities on public lands. In a September 6, 2018, letter to the BLM, the USDA Forest Service cancelled its application to segregate lands within Superior National Forest from the development of Federally-owned hardrock minerals. The segregation will expire in January 2019.*